

HARLEM GAMBLER ACCUSED BECKER

Jack Rose is Said to Have Negotiated for Hire of Gunmen for Murder.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The facts about the alleged affidavit in the Becker case, the one that caused such a stir on Sunday because it was reported to contain the charge that Charles Becker personally had besought a Harlem gunman to kill Herman Rosenthal, became known today.

The report has a substantial foundation, but there is no affidavit. The basis for the story lies in the transcript of an oral statement that was made to Charles S. Whitman, District Attorney, shortly after Rosenthal was killed.

Furthermore, the author of the statement is not and was not a gunman. He was a gambler whose rooms were in Harlem in the days before the Becker exposure.

The statement when made was unsupported by anything but the word of Jack Rose. It was the baldheaded satellite of the strong arm commander who brought the gambler to the attention of District Attorney Whitman and it was on Rose's persuasion that he told his story.

Refused to Swear.

However, when called, the gambler refused to swear to his story on the stand. He then was in an invalid condition that would have made him more or less hopeless as a witness, so the district attorney abandoned all intention of calling him.

Incidentally, when Jack Rose told his remarkable story to the jury he omitted the episode in which Becker, the gambler and he are supposed to have participated. Nor does any mention of the alleged request of Becker occur in the written confession that Rose made public before he became a witness against Becker.

There are in the office of the district attorney other sworn and unsworn statements that were made by gamblers and others at the time the murder was being investigated. Hardly a prominent gambler or gang leader escaped gazing either at the time the district attorney or the grand jury. In all there were more than a hundred persons questioned who never were called as witnesses.

Mental and Physical Wreck.

Should Becker get a new trial there will be no opportunity for the district attorney to make use of the statement, and it is hardly likely that the man who made the statement will figure as he is mentally and physically incapacitated now.

Here are the facts that have been learned about the gambler's statement: Rose told the district attorney that Becker, after his feud with Rosenthal, had sent him—Rose—to Harlem to see this gambler. His mission, as Rose told at the time, was to have this gambler hire gunmen to destroy Rosenthal.

The gambler, fearing that Becker was framing him up to get him in his power, refused to accept Rose's word for anything. He demanded that such a message come from Becker personally. Rose said that he made an appointment for Becker and the gambler, and they met in a saloon on upper Seventh avenue. There, according to the story, Becker told the gambler that whatever Rose said was to be accepted as his word.

Finally Quit in Disgust.

Rose, however, in hopes that Becker and Rosenthal would patch up their quarrel, told the gambler time after time to delay hiring the gunmen. Finally the Harlem man became disgusted and quit the plot.

After "Lefty Louie" and his three companions had killed Rosenthal, the gambler, fearing that in some way he would become involved, left town. He was found in Bridgeport and there made a short statement to the press. In part the story told by Rose. He is said to have substantiated Rose's story fully in later talks with the district attorney.

The fact that the report of this statement appeared coincidentally with Governor Whitman's visit to town on Sunday caused much comment yesterday, but the story was not given out by him. It gained currency from some one close to the district attorney's office at the present time.

Funerals

John M. Daniel.

The funeral of John M. Daniel, who died following an operation in his apartment in the Cumberland, was held this afternoon from the undertaking parlors of Hyatt and Barnette, 1014 Massachusetts avenue northwest. The Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, officiated and the Masonic order had charge of the burial services in Stanton, Va.

James H. Tibbitts.

Services were held this afternoon in the Vermont Avenue Christian Church for James H. Tibbitts, who died suddenly Sunday at his home, 2341 Thirtieth street, northwest. Interment was made in Glenwood Cemetery. Mr. Tibbitts had been employed at various times by the Treasury Department, Panama Canal Commission, Department of State, and later with the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace. He was treasurer of the Mt. Pleasant Citizens' Association.

Michael T. O'Brien.

The funeral of Michael T. O'Brien, who died Saturday, was held this morning from the family residence, 712 Seventh street northwest.

Dorothy Holroyd Dodge.

Funeral services for Dorothy Holroyd Dodge will be held tomorrow at the family residence, 131 B street northwest, at 2 o'clock. Interment will be private.

Ellen C. Gee.

The funeral of Ellen C. Gee, whose death occurred Sunday, was held today from the chapel of John R. Wright Company, 1337 Tenth street northwest.

William H. Johnson.

Services for William H. Johnson were held this afternoon at the family residence, 229 Second street southeast.

Mary Voigt.

The funeral of Mary Voigt, who died Sunday, was held this afternoon from her residence in Riggs Road, D. C. Interment was made in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Minnie Francis Johnston.

The interment of Minnie Francis Johnston, who died Sunday at her home, 1210 Eleventh street northwest, was made this morning in Arlington Cemetery.

TAKES OFF ACTRESS



AUSTIN HOWARD.

ARMED NEUTRALITY URGED BY DR. WILEY

Tells Women's Peace Party This Is Not a Time for U. S. to Lie Supine.

Armed neutrality was strongly advocated by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, former chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture, at the patriotic entertainment given by the Women's Peace Party at Masonic Temple yesterday afternoon.

"This is not a time to lie supine. The Capitol was burned by the British because there were no soldiers or sailors to defend it," Dr. Wiley also stated that he favored the ballot for women as a solution to many of the national problems.

John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American Union, outlined the work for peace accomplished by the union. He said if there had been a Pan-European Union, the war would have been avoided.

Mrs. John N. Speer presided. She read the platform of the Women's Peace Party and introduced the speakers. Other addresses were made by Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, Miss Devoreaux Blake and Miss Janet Richards. A peace poem was read by Mrs. Izetta Jewel Brown and solos rendered by Mrs. William Reed and Richard Backing.

Austin Howard impersonated Fannie Brice in vaudeville skits. A feature of the dance, "From Bondage to Freedom," beautifully rendered by Miss Mildred Anderson in Grecian costume. This was followed by a series of tableaux, "The Awakening," under the direction of Mrs. Clifford D. Hemmick and Miss Hazel Mackay without the aid of scenery or any properties, the changes being made under cover of darkness.

Trounces Four Yeggmen, Then Lets Them Escape

JOLIET, Ill., Feb. 23.—Robert Keeley, the only man in Wilmington who stays up after 9 p. m., was patrolling his beat when he bumped into four strangers who were boring holes in the vault of the Commercial National Bank.

"What you fellows doin'?" he asked. One of the four was on his knees working away with brace and bit at the rear door of the bank, another was sharpening a chisel, still another was assorting the tools and the last was poking smoking without the aid of a cigarette.

Keeley's question jolted them rudely. They "set themselves" for action. Then Bob waded in, swinging left and right. His big, sledgehammer fists sent them sprawling, and the men were soon aching and bleeding. Keeley stood over them glaring triumphantly.

"I know you fellows ain't in this town at this hour for no good purpose," he yelled. "Now git. City folks, eh? Git tell me, and I'll ever come back to this town I'll sling ye in the calaboose."

The four didn't give him a chance to change his mind.

One-Man "Army" Bars Pike, Halts Motorists

PHILIPSBURG, N. J., Feb. 23.—An automobilist was bowling along the Morris pike at Hensfoot when he was brought up short by a barricade across the road.

"What's the counterpoint?" demanded John Fiddler, wild-eyed and threatening. In his hand was a tree limb. Logs, fence rails, stones and brushwood were piled high in front of him.

"You're a prisoner!" he announced. "I'm the Italian army and I intend to defend this mountain pass at all costs. My 42-centimeter gun is trained on you, Hilt."

Just then another automobilist came along, and he, too, was informed he was a prisoner.

When a few more motorists arrived and it was found the Italian forces were sufficiently outnumbered the barricade was invaded. Fiddler, too, advanced en masse, but an hour later he was in jail pending an inquiry into his sanity.

Tugs Rescue Disabled Liner in the Atlantic

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The United Fruit Company received a dispatch today stating that its liner, the Santa Marta, which is disabled in the Atlantic, was taken in tow early today by the tug Rescue and I. J. Merritt.

It had been in tow of the Rescue yesterday but the tow line parted last night. Shortly after dawn both tugs succeeded in getting down to her again.

BUNGALOW ROBBED OF \$50,000 IN GEMS

Detectives Work on One of Most Mysterious Robberies in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—Every detective in Los Angeles today was assigned to work upon one of the biggest and most mysterious diamond robberies ever reported to the authorities of southern California. The victim was Mrs. A. F. Smith, wife of the president of the New York Central railway, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emory Smith.

According to admission made by the police today, the robbers got booty valued at \$50,000. The first estimates fixed the value at \$15,000.

The robbery occurred in bungalow No. 3, of the Beverly Hills Hotel, last night while Mrs. Smith and her son and his wife were at dinner, about four hours after their arrival here.

Followed Across Country.

This fact led the authorities to believe the robbers followed the party across the continent from New York, awaiting an opportunity to get the jewels Mrs. Smith carried with her.

The robbers left no clue, but the police believe that the theft was committed by a man and woman.

The robbers entered the bungalow with a pass key. Rifling Mrs. Smith's jewel bag in the bureau drawer, they blocked one of her suit cases, and from this the bulk of the jewelry was taken.

Mrs. Smith was almost overcome when she realized she had lost a fortune in diamonds. Her son summoned the police and a cordon of special officers was thrown around the grounds of the hotel and a number of men and women were detained on the road leading away from the fashionable resort.

Fire Drill Prevents Panic In Wool Factory Blaze

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—Perfect fire drill prevented a panic and enabled 100 girl employees of the Bawick and Clay Company, a wool factory at Twenty-fifth and Callow Hill streets, to reach a place of safety when a blaze destroyed the second floor of the building early today.

The girls marched out in pairs from the smoke-filled building at a signal from Engineer William Schuegan. The fire was started by the friction of a picking machine with the wool being picked in it.

OPEN KITCHEN FOR WORKING MOTHERS

Society Women Supply Hot and Cooked Food at Low Cost in Generous Measure.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Mrs. James A. Burden, Jr., have opened the doors of the first People's Kitchen, where hot, cooked food is sold at cost to be taken home for family use. The kitchen is at the center of a congested district, largely inhabited by longshoremen and day laborers.

The beginning of the service is the beginning of an effort to aid families with limited incomes to get the most out of the money expended for food. A survey of the district in which the kitchen is disclosed the fact that many mothers in this district work outside the home.

These housewives lack time to prepare food for themselves and their families, and are often too poor to buy proper food. They usually content themselves with cold, dry prepared food, which is expensive and not always nourishing.

It was found that many of these women, for want of better accommodations, went to the saloons, where they purchased the food from the free lunch counters. At the People's Kitchen the tired mother brings her own kettle and can buy hot food, freshly prepared, in generous quantities at cost.

The menu consisted of vegetable soup, 2 cents; beef stew, 4 cents; baked beans, 1 cent; rice pudding, 2 cents; stewed peaches, 3 cents; coffee or cocoa, 2 cents.

"The unexpected crowd of purchasers at the opening," said Mrs. Burden, "is a manifestation of the pride and sturdy independence of the fine folk in this district who feel that they are self-respecting purchasers and not in the recipients of a dole. No food is given away. There is no relief of any kind connected with the kitchen."

"It is not only an effort to tide over the families of laborers who are the domestic victims of foreign strife, but also a determined movement to raise the food standard and habits of the people on the West Side."

Fearful of waste, the cooks prepared only fifty portions of food for the opening meal. Soon after the doors were flung open everything was sold. A line waited patiently while the cooks set to work to replenish the exhausted stock. At 1:30 p. m. the doors had to be closed, when a blaze destroyed the second floor of the building early today.

The girls marched out in pairs from the smoke-filled building at a signal from Engineer William Schuegan. The fire was started by the friction of a picking machine with the wool being picked in it.



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From Two Well-Known Clothing Dealers at Less Than 50c on the Dollar

Values Worth \$10.00,
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Tomorrow brings an extraordinary offering of 450 Men's Good Quality Suits at the lowest price ever named for clothing of such superior style and quality. It is unquestionably the biggest and best economy news ever presented to the men of Washington. The wonderful values are the result of a purchase of the product of two prominent makers—the S. F. and A. F. Miller & Co., of Baltimore, and the Feder Silberg Companies' "Lion Brand," which we obtained at a half and two-thirds below regular.

Every suit bears the original label of the makers—and the names stand for perfect tailoring, fit, and style.

Materials consist of all-wool Cassimeres, Tweeds, Cheviots, and Worsted, in neat pepper-and-salt grays, dark browns, small brown checks, fancy and plain mixtures, stripes, fancy and diagonal weave plain blues, gray plaids, black-and-white stripes, and many other neat and serviceable patterns.

Correctly styled in three-button conservative and soft roll models, trimmed with serge, alpaca, and the Venetian cloth linings.

Sizes in the lot from 33 to 44. Our guarantee goes with every suit, and a new suit will be given free for any that fail to give satisfaction.

Men's Clothing Dept., 4th Floor.

Last Call on All Women's and Misses' Ready-to-Wear Apparel

In order that we may make a clean sweep of all remaining garments left from the season's selling we've put prices down to a point that assures prompt, complete disposal. Read this list and see if you do not find something you need to finish out the season and put away for next year.

Misses' and Junior \$15 suits.....	\$1.98	Women's \$1 and \$1.50 Lingerie Waists.....	69c
Women's and Misses' \$15 and \$18 Coats.....	\$2.95	\$20.00 Moufflon Fur Sets, reduced to.....	\$4.90
Women's and Misses' \$20 and \$25 Suits.....	\$3.85	\$25.00 Near-Seal Sets, reduced to.....	\$9.90
Women's and Misses' \$20 and \$25 Coats.....	\$4.88	\$27.50 Mole-Skin Coney Fur Sets, reduced to.....	\$8.75
Women's \$7.98 and \$8.98 Silk and Cloth Dresses.....	\$1.65	\$25.00 Ponsky Fur Coats, reduced to.....	\$7.50
Women's \$2 and \$2.50 Silk and Crepe Waists.....	69c	\$40.00 Russian Ponsky Fur Coats, reduced to.....	\$12.50
Girls' and Misses' \$1.00 Middy Blouses.....	39c	\$75.00 French Seal Fur Coats, reduced to.....	\$24.50

WHITE CRINKLED CREPE Regular 19c Value at 9 3/4c

36-inch White Crinkled Crepe, one of the most desirable materials for waists, dresses and lingerie, especially well liked because it requires no ironing. A fabric unequalled for constant service.

This new and attractive 19c Crinkled Crepe offered tomorrow at 9 3/4c a yard.

40-inch White India Linon, a grade of exceptional sheerness and fineness for making waists and dresses. Regular 11c value at.....

COTTON CREPE MELLISSA Regular 19c Value at 9 3/4c

A new and exceptionally attractive colored wash fabric for spring and summer wear—nothing so smart and stylish for tailored skirts and suits.

Full 27 inches wide, in a complete range of street and evening shades, as well as plenty of black.

Very serviceable and stylish for waists and dresses. One day at 9 3/4c a yard instead of 19c.

42-INCH CHECK SUITINGS Regularly 59c Yard 39c

These goods are enjoying high favor for spring and summer wear—nothing so smart and stylish for tailored skirts and suits.

Full 42 inches wide, in all size black and white checked checks, also the stylish overplaid club checks. Sale price, 39c yard.

42-inch All Wool Storm Serge, a heavy double twill grade, in full range of spring shades, also black. Regular 55c value at.....

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Soft, pliable, lustrous quality—not the flimsy kind usually associated with similar low prices elsewhere. You can tell the difference at a glance.

Full 36 inches wide, in a complete assortment of spring shades. One of the newest and handsomest silks for spring costumes. Lowered to 59c a yard for tomorrow's sale.

Shadow Lace Flouncings Regular 19c 9 3/4c

A special lot of Shadow Lace Flouncings, 10 inches wide, in white and ecru color—choice of a good assortment of pretty designs in white and ecru color. The identical quality sold regularly at 19c a yard, for one day at 9 3/4c.

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Genuine 116-warp palmed finish Lintan straw; choice of 40 patterns, in checks, stripes, and novelty designs of green, red, blue, tan, and brown. 40 yard rolls at \$7.48.

Misses' and Children's Shoes \$1.00

A clearance lot of Misses' and Children's Shoes; good serviceable styles and leathers, including Vici Kid and Gun Metal, in sizes 8 1/2 to 2. Remainders of our regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 lines reduced to a dollar a pair.

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Standard quality Apron Gingham, in all wanted color borders. Soft, fast color. For making aprons and children's wear.

One day at 4 1/2c a yard.

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Hemmed Huck Towels, in all white and with fast color red border. Size 18x36. Regular 67c value at.....

Hemmed Huck Towels, size 22x34, with fast color red border. Soft, absorbent grade, ready for use. Regular 11c value.....

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Plain or woven border styles, in green, blue, red, and brown—every rug with the famous "CREX" trade-marked ticket attached.

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Fourth Floor and Furniture Dept.

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36-inch English Longcloth, a soft chambray finish grade for making undershirts. Twelve-yard pieces for one day at 79c—regular \$1.00 value.

\$2.50 Scalloped Spreads Lowered to \$1.59

High-grade Crochet Spreads, with scalloped cut corners, heavy quality, in handsome designs. Extra large size for double beds. Special at \$1.59 each.

10c Packages of Tooth Powder 5c

THIS COUPON and 5c for regular 10c package of Prepared Chalk and Orris Root, the best preparation for the teeth. (T.)

59c Bleached Sheets, Double Bed Size 39c

Special lot of 50 dozen double bed size Waxed Bleached Sheets, made of good serviceable grade sheeting cotton, hand torn and ironed, with 2-inch hem. Full of service and satisfaction.

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New lot of yard-wide Percales, latest spring styles, checks and stripes, firm woven, desirable grade for children's dresses, house garments, etc.

Specials priced for one day at 6 1/2c a yard.